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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forests - Timber - Export outside the Province - Control - Papers .

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Forest Department, Madras.
Refce.No.3775/47-E dated 6-7-1948.

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From
M. Kesavan Unni Nayar, Esq., I.F.S.
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Egmore, Madras-8.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

SUBJECT:- Timber - Export Outside Province - necessity for control - report submitted -
Reference:- Government Memorandum No.49943-CII/48-1 dated 7-5-1948.

A statement showing the quantity of timber exported from the various ports on the West Coast outside the Province of Madras during the period 1-10-47 to 31-3-48 is enclosed. The total quantity exported amounts to 33,725 tons as compared to 49,000 for the period ended 31.3.1947. As already reported, a very large percentage of these exports consists of mango and poor quality hardwoods, quite unsuitable for utilization in Government's contemplated large scale building schemes. An appreciable quantity of low grade timber extracted from the reserved forests on the West Coast is also disposed of annually by auction. As restrictions on the export of timber to Indian State Ports have since been removed, merchants, who usually bid in our auction sales, find it easy to export timber to Indian Ports without the necessity of permits. Licences for export of teak wood outside India are however allowed by the Government of India only to established shippers of this wood after making due enquiries regarding previous exports by them. Applications for such licences should pass through Local Governments.

I consider it essential that the present system of issuing permits for export of timber should continue not only in the interests of local bonafide exporters but also in the interests of securing our annual budgetted revenue and preventing large stocks of sawn and log timber from deterioration due to prolonged storage in the hot and humid climate of the West Coast.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests

Encl: 1 statement.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE EXPORTS OF TIMBER OUTSIDE THE PROVINCE FROM THE VARIOUS PORTS ON THE WEST COAST FROM 1-10-47 to 31-3-48.

| Name of port. | Quantity of timber exported from 1-10-47 to 31-3-48. October | November | December | January | February | March. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ponnani | ... | 21 tons | 28 tons 25 cft | 18 tons 20 cft | ... | 20 tons 25 cft | Species & Destination place not given. |
| Cannanore | ... | 2 tons scantlings. | .. | .. | 8 tons 12.5.Cft. planks. | .. | Species not known. Destination Bombay & Minicoy. |
| Tellicherry | 34 tons 1 Cft. planks & scantlings. | 148 tons 10 Cft. planks & scantlings. | 8 tons 10 Cft. plans & scant-lints. | 37 tons 5 Cft. planks & scant-lings. | 90 tons 10 Cft. planks & scantlings. | 47 tons planks & scant-lings. | Species & Destination Port not furnished. |
| Badagara | .. | .. | .. | 26 tons 10 Cft. planks & Scant-lings. | .. | .. | " |
| Azhikkal | 1350 tons | 2420 tons | 2095 tons | 638 tons | 2008 tons | 2686 tons | " |
| Kallai | 37 & ¾ tons. | 50 tons | 48¾ tons | 91 tons. | 17 tons. not furnished Species Mango & Junglewood planks. | NIL | Destination Station and Species not known. |
| Calicut | 1558 tons 40 Dft. | 1427 tons. | 2788 tons | 2238 tons | 2836 tons. | 2785 tons. | Destination Station and Species not known. |
| Cochin | 20tons | 16 tons | 4 tons | 15 tons | 58 tons | 11 tons | Names of species and Destination Port not furnished. |
| Mangalore | 556 tons | 855 tons | 291 tons | 294 tons | 605 tons | 566tons | -do- |
| Mulki | -- | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | No export of timber except 112 pieces cocoanut rafters in March 1948. |
| Hangarikatta | .. | 160 tons | 299 tons | 237 tons | 175 tons | 314 tons. | Name of species not furnished. The timber was despatched to Bomb |
| Malpe | .. | 95 tons | 60 tons | 72 tons | 75 tons | 36½ tons | Name of species & Destination Port no mentioned. |
| Coondapur | MATCH WOOD 344 tons. | 232 tons 97--" | 585 tons .. | 326 tons .. | 451 tons | 635 tons | Name of species & |
| do. | TIMBER 155 tons. | 97 " | .. | .. | . | 167 tons | Destination Port not furnished. |
| Baindur | | | 66 tons | 155 tons | 152 tons | | All Machwood. |

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.
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READ:-

G.O.Ms.No.981, Development dated 7-3-1947
" 4204/2, Development dated 28-8-1947.
From the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ref.No.3775/47.E, dated 6-7-1948.

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Recorded.

2. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to submit a further report on the trend of exports of timber outside this Province during the period ending with 31st March 1949 and on the need for controlling such exports with reference to the conditions then prevailing.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secretary to Govt.

To: The Chief Conservator of Forests.

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